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Applicant: Robert Adam Snell et al.
Serial No.: 10/530919
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Art Unit: N/A

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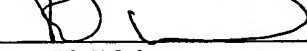
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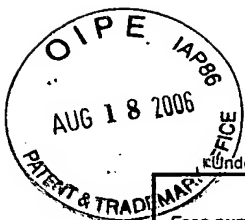
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Respectfully submitted,

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FEE TRANSMITTAL For FY 2005		Application Number	10/530919-Conf. #9957
		Filing Date	April 8, 2005
		First Named Inventor	Robert Adam Snell
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1. BASIC FILING, SEARCH, AND EXAMINATION FEES

Application Type	Fee (\$)	FILING FEES		SEARCH FEES		EXAMINATION FEES		Fees Paid (\$)
		Small Entity	Fee (\$)	Small Entity	Fee (\$)	Small Entity	Fee (\$)	
Utility	300	150	500	250	200	100		
Design	200	100	100	50	130	65		
Plant	200	100	300	150	160	80		
Reissue	300	150	500	250	600	300		
Provisional	200	100	0	0	0	0		

2. EXCESS CLAIM FEES

Fee Description	Fee (\$)	Small Entity
Each claim over 20 (including Reissues)	50	25
Each independent claim over 3 (including Reissues)	200	100
Multiple dependent claims	360	180

Total Claims 68 - 29 = 39 x 25.00 = 975.00

Indep. Claims 7 - 6 = 1 x 100.00 = 100.00

3. APPLICATION SIZE FEE

If the specification and drawings exceed 100 sheets of paper (excluding electronically filed sequence or computer listings under 37 CFR 1.52(e)), the application size fee due is \$250 (\$125 for small entity) for each additional 50 sheets or fraction thereof. See 35 U.S.C. 41(a)(1)(G) and 37 CFR 1.16(s).

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SECOND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 14 of this paper.

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